

# Zero Beat

Our 40<sup>th</sup> ARRL affiliated year  
Special Service Club

Hampden County Radio Association, Inc.

Springfield, MA

## May Meeting

The May meeting of the HCRA will be on Friday, May 6th. The speaker will be one of our own members, Phil KA1MP, telling us about his experiences as a DX station (or what its like being on the other side of a pileup.)

Phil will talk about his experiences as FP0HBL on St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands. Phil is an old veteran of this dxpedition and has returned three or four times. He has operated such exotic modes as moonbounce from this location.

In addition, since we have a club packet bulletin board up and running in test mode, Phil KA1MP and John AC1T have agreed to bring us up to date on what a packet bulletin board does and how to use it. They will briefly discuss the new W1NY-2 PBBS.

## New Novice

Jack WA1YYK reports a new novice (call not yet issued) has joined our ranks. Congrats to Diane Lemoine of Springfield, MA, who passed the Novice exam in early April.

**Field Day**  
**W1NY**  
**Agawam High School**

## W1NY-2 PBBS

When you read this the HCRA's packet bulletin board should be up and running on a test basis. Access will be on 145.01 thru W1NY-2. Messages will be available as well as files and most ARRL bulletins. John AC1T has notified the league so that bulletins and special messages will be automatically forwarded. Also various club members will make sure that messages are forwarded as needed.

Users are reminded that the HCRA bulletin board is set up on a test basis only and although we will try to make it available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, there may be times when it may be off the air and unavailable during this test period.

Please feel free to leave messages or check the bulletin board for any club or ham radio news.

## Nets

Ten Meter Rag Chew Net CW version on 3.709 MHz at 8:00 PM local on Tuesday. Net control is Bob KB1VV. Come practice your code from 5 to 20 WPM.

Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net 146.88 in Bristol CT daily at 9:30 PM local time. Rusty NM1K is net control.

## June Meeting

The Hampden County Radio Association will hold its annual meeting and banquet on Friday June 3, 1988. Doors open at 6:00 PM with the meal served at 7:00 PM and the business meeting to start at 8:00 PM.

Members should note that this is the meeting with the annual election of officers, where Dave N1EUZ, chairman of the nominating committee, will present the 1988-1989 slate of officers. At that time, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Tickets for the banquet will be sold at the May meeting or are available by sending a check payable to the HCRA for the total amount of tickets desired to the club Post Office box.

Tickets are \$7.00 per person and the cutoff date for ticket purchases will be Saturday May 28. No tickets will be sold at the door or after that date. Please try to purchase your tickets as far in advance of the cutoff date as possible.

There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle to benefit the packet bulletin board.

Please note that it is not necessary to purchase tickets to the banquet to attend the annual meeting. If you intend to attend just the annual meeting please plan on arriving just prior to 8:00 PM.

## 1988 Meetings

May 6 HCRA meeting  
Jun 3 HCRA meeting  
5 YCCC meeting

## Exam Schedule

For all West exams please contact Yorke K1BXE at 413.566.3010 for more information. For East Exams contact Jeanette KA1MEW at 413.786.1463 for info.

## HCRA Meetings

First Friday of each month Feeding Hills Congregational Church  
Center of Feeding Hills  
Intersection of routes 57 & 187  
Doors open at 7:30 PM  
Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 PM

### DX Trip

May 6th, 1988  
Feeding Hills  
Congregational Church  
Feeding Hills Center

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| 04-May-88 | 7:00 PM | West |
| 01-Jun-88 | 7:00 PM | West |
| 11-Jun-88 | 8:30 AM | East |
| 10-Sep-88 | 8:30 AM | East |
| 10-Dec-88 | 8:30 AM | East |

The Western Mass Slow Net meets Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 PM on 28.450 MHz. This is a CW traffic training net for all license classes. Please check in! KB1TH is the net manager.

## Future HCRA Meetings

### Club Meeting Topic

6-May-88 DX trip  
3-Jun-88 Annual Banquet

### Board Meeting

10-May-88  
none

HCRA 10m net every Thursday at 9:00 PM on 28.650 MHz

WMS Speed net Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 PM on 28.450 MHz

YCCC Swap Net meets at 8:00 PM Thursdays on 28.303 MHz

Western Mass Traffic Net (cycle 2) meets at 1:00 PM Monday thru Friday on K1FFK/R 146.91 MHz

WMPN (SSB) Mon to Sat at 6 PM on 3.937 MHz; WM (CW) net evenings at 7:00 PM on 3.562 MHz

Ten Meter Rag Chew Net (SSB) meets Sunday nights at 7:00 PM local on 28.400 MHz

## For Sale

Heath HW101 transceiver with HP-23B power supply, desk mike and manuals. Ideal notice starter station. Call KB1MU Dave Isham at 413.596.6605 after 6 PM.

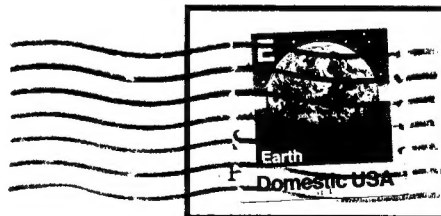
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